

June 14, 1955

Mr. Glenn Smedley  
8019 Calumet Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Smedley:

I read with great interest your article on altered state bank notes in the current Numismatist and it is a subject which is very intriguing to me.

I thought you would be interested in knowing that I originally got a tremendous thrill out of your identifying the Exchange Bank as the Exchange Bank of Blencoe, Minnesota. I was deflated, however, when I found out that the Exchange Bank was incorporated in 1858 and that its notes were not made by Ormsby.

I have alterations of a group of denominations of the Exchange Bank and for years I have been trying to determine what the original bank of issue was. I have not found it in any of the bank note lists. Since the pieces are dated 1856 the attribution will require further study and I hope you can untangle it.

You mention the Potomac River bank notes and I have different denominations of these, all of which appear to be altered from the Musam River Bank. It might interest you to know that nosuch bank existed as the Potomac River Bank so far as any of the records show. This alteration was, therefore, merely a completely spurious endeavor.

Do you, personally, collect alterations, or is your information primarily from the Boys Town collection?

I just received a letter from Mr. Barrett today asking me to send some more things up for exhibit and I will, of course, do so.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Glenn B. Smedley*

253 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

March 24, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Considering the common interests which you and I must have, it is surprising that we don't get in touch with each other more often. I see Fred Marckhoff once or twice a week and he speaks of you often in connection with bank notes.

A day or two ago, he showed me a letter from you in which you described two proofs of vignettes that you offered at \$5. each. As I remember, he told you that I would write you direct if interested in the two proofs.

I do not have the two notes which you said these vignettes were used on, but do have at least two others. The boy saddling (or harnessing) one of two horses, with mill and canal in the background, is on a \$2 Eastern Bank of Illinois, Newton, note which I have. The children feeding a colt (signed JDS) is on the \$2 Bank of Momence, Illinois, note which I have also. My check for \$10. for these two proofs is enclosed herewith. Please enclose them between cardboards so that they will not be damaged in the mail.

Although I do not advertise the fact, you may be interested to know that I was fortunate enough to obtain about twenty of these proof notes of Illinois, by Continental Bank Note Co., several years ago. There were proofs of quite a few of the vignettes with them, so the two that you have would make a nice addition to this collection.

If you have any other proofs of vignettes for sale, you would do me a favor by sending them along for me to check. I have some of them for which I do not have matching notes, but every once in a while a matching note turns up.

Will you be likely to attend the Central States convention in Detroit?? It would be a pleasure to see you again.

Sincerely yours,

*Glenn B. Smedley*  
Glenn B. Smedley

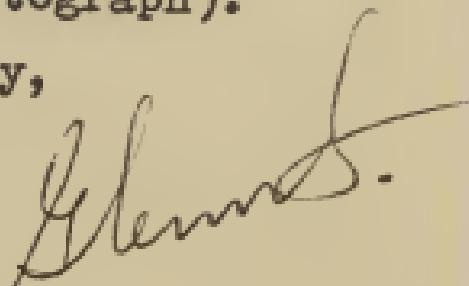
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March 24, 1960

Dear Eric:

Shortly after mailing the letter to you earlier this evening, I noticed an error in it. The proof Illinois bank notes were produced by National Bank Note Co. — not Continental. By the way, do you have a real bank note bearing the imprint of either Western Bank Note Company or Western Bank Note and Engraving Company?? I'm digging into this company's history and have some checks and other examples of its work, but no bank notes. If you have one or more, please sell or loan me one (to photograph).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn S.", is positioned at the bottom right of the letter.

Mar. 29, 1960

Mr. Glenn B. Smedley  
253 Washington Blvd.  
Oak Park, Ill.

Dear Glenn:

I have always enjoyed your articles and enthusiasm for banknotes. The reason why we have not been in touch is because you have not written me and I do not go to conventions. Your letter has broken the ice so feel free to write anytime I can be of help in your research or collecting. I am working primarily in the colonial and early American field for the present, but my trouble is that I like every other American field which has stimulating problems and, believe me, our paper money has.

I am glad that the two vignettes which were offered to me found a place in your collection and they are forthcoming. You stated that you had some which do not match banknotes and so do I. How about sending me those which you have which are orphans and I will do that too. Each of us might find mates. I only have a few, though.

With respect to Western Banknote Company my notation indicates that it was organized in 1865 so there should be no banknotes prepared by it. Perhaps there is scrip or the like which they did and I will look.

Your Illinois proofs must be lovely. I have the Missouri set and many others from other parts. I realized that these were not Continental Banknote and was glad to receive your correction.

I do not sell anything. I will trade and I will give items to charity and let the charity sell them. This is best for me as I do not like the commercial aspects of numismatics. Who does?

Whenever you are in St. Louis please come to see me. In the meantime I'd like to see you orphans.

Kindest regards,

*Glenn B. Smedley*

253 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

April 3, 1960

Dear Eric:

The two proof vignettes and your letter of March 29 came several days ago. Pleased as I was to get the vignettes, your nice letter pleased me very much, too. It appears that we feel very much the same about several phases of numismatics. I do not care for the commercial aspects either, but find that rubbing shoulders with those in the commercial field gets me some of the things I want.

Many of my orphan engravings are mounted in an album, which serves as a temporary storage place. I like your idea of exchanging our orphans which we can mate with notes, and will be glad to send mine for your inspection -- when I can find time to straighten the album out a bit and put a few loose ones in it. Like you, I don't care to sell any of these, but would be happy to trade as you suggest. Not long ago, I let a good friend have one nice proof vignette and, as you'd expect, within a few weeks obtained a note with the vignette on it.

Yes, your interests are wider than mine. My trouble is not being able to find time to do the many things I have in mind in my more restricted field. I've been gathering material on several subjects for some time in the hopes that I'll find time to write something on them. The story-history of Western Bank Note Co. is one of these - since it was a Chicago concern, it has a special interest to me.

As you know, I've become involved considerably in the political and organizational side of numismatics. This has, I find, its advantages and also its disadvantages. I'm getting "fed-up" with political activities and think you'll find me withdrawing from them. Practical considerations and a desire to help Bradfield will probably keep me on as Assistant to the Editor for some time, altho we should line up someone who wishes to succeed to the editorship eventually.

You have your good reasons for not attending conventions, but it would give you a chance to meet persons with interests common to yours. I do enjoy meeting other collectors and think I get some good from the several conventions I attend each year, altho do not seem to obtain much in the way of material at them. Marckhoff is the one who gets around to the dealers and ferrets out the desirable items. No matter, though, as I can't find time to use what I have.

Don't know when I'll ever get to St. Louis but sure would enjoy a visit with you. In the meantime, maybe a letter now and then will keep the ice broken between us.

Sincerely yours,

*Glenn B. Smedley*

*Glenn B. Smedley*

253 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

April 19, 1960

Dear Eric:

Just a hasty note to say that I sent you some "orphan" proof engravings this morning, via Railway Express prepaid. Used this method instead of parcel post because the valuation is in excess of \$200.

There is a list of engravings enclosed in the package and an indication of my valuations (with which you may not agree). As stated on this list, I'm not interested in selling but will work out a trade if you need any of these, except a few listed N.F.T. (not for trade) which I thought you might like to see.

Don't be in a hurry about this -- I found time to get them together and might as well send one time as another. Suggest you keep these until you have time to send yours and let me know which, if any, of mine you want (I have copy of list). Then each of us can return those not to be traded.

Let's hope each of us can improve his collection by this exchange.

Sincerely yours,

*Glenn S.*

May 3, 1960

Mr. Glenn B. Smedley  
253 Washington Blvd.  
Oak Park, Illinois

Dear Glenn:

I read with great interest your article in the "Numismatist" and, believe me, you have my wholehearted support. The commercialism which has taken place in recent years is pitiful. Yet, out of this horror there will be a few more good collectors and good students than there would be without it.

Your banknote proofs were most interesting. I have found two which fit in my collection and which you do not have have marked "N.F.T.", namely, No. 20 and 21. Unfortunately, several of the items I have which are not connected up are also items which you have.

I am enclosing four items which I have which are available for trade. The pair of Revolutionary War scenes, I believe, would be of interest to you, and you might wish those in exchange. If you would prefer the New York City Arms item and the Horse item, that, of course, would be satisfactory. I certainly wish I had more to send you to choose from, but I do not. I will return your group as soon as I hear from you. At least I am glad I located two Illinois items for you already.

I enjoyed very much looking over your "orphans" and I really look forward to seeing your collection at a convenient time.

Real excitement came into my life last month. I discovered the basis for the word "Bungtown". I have been looking for this evidence for ten years. I will write it up in due course.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb



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GLENN B. SMEDLEY, Hon. Vice President

253 Washington Blvd.

OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

May 7, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:-

Your comments on my "editorial" in The Numismatist are appreciated very much. Altho not many people have written directly on it, I see and hear little things that indicate the general approval of many. As you say, some good numismatists will come of the present commercialism, but my concern for the immediate future is the effect the commercial trend is having on the Association. There is more and more tendency for the purely commercial numismatists to dictate to or control the Association and other organizations, local and regional. This does not seem desirable to me.

Sorry that you could find only two of my orphans that you want to adopt, but am not surprised. I do not have immediate need for any of the four you sent for trade, but am quite willing to keep two in exchange — one of the Revolutionary War scenes and the "horse" item. So am returning the other two herewith. You need not rush about returning my others, as I'll just put them away for possible future use.

I'm glad to hear of your discovery about the word "Bungtown" and will look forward to your article on it. I can understand quite well your excitement at finding this bit of information, for I have similar experiences once in a while. For example, just before leaving Detroit last weekend, I acquired 16 "SPECIMEN" British notes which were evidently made up when Murray, Fairman and Perkins tried in 1819-20 to get the banknote business of the Bank of England. W. L. Ormsby, in his 1852 book on banknote engraving, explains at considerable length why the Bank of England would not use this type of notes. I have never seen them before and wonder if you have, so will enclose one herewith which you may return with my vignettes. This one is damaged and was with the 16 which I bought. According to Ormsby, "Heath" was a British artist. I doubt if he was Laban Heath, but don't know.

Mayor (of Paterson, N. J.) William H. Dillistin will be here all of the coming week and I look forward to visits with him. He is coming to some kind of a conference and to visit his daughter who lives here in Oak Park.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

July 5, 1960

Mr. Glenn Smedley  
253 Washington Blvd.  
Oak Park, Illinois

Dear Glenn:

I neglected to write you a letter when I returned your vignettes and I wanted to thank you for your kindness in sending them to me. I also wanted to comment on the improvement in the Guide Book which is, no doubt, part of your work.

I have a lot of fascinating research projects being readied for writing and look forward to seeing you whenever it is convenient.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

November 16, 1965

Mr. Glenn E. Smedley

Eric P. Newman

Dear Glenn:

It was a pleasure to see you, and particularly nice to have you clarify some of my comments at the Chicago Coin Club.

I enjoyed, very much, giving the talk at Roosevelt University.

You will recall that I thought that I did not have the \$10 Chicago Clearing House note which you have in duplicate. I found that I do have it and, therefore, am returning yours herewith.

Thank you for the opportunity of checking on it.

Sincerely,

EPM/stb

March 15, 1966

Mr. Glenn Smedley  
P.O. Box 3491  
Chicago 54, Illinois

Dear Glenn:

My very heartiest congratulations  
on being Editor of The Numismatist. There  
could not have been a better choice. You  
have the ability, the temperament and the  
experience, and no one could want any  
more.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ENN/atb

April 25, 1967

Mr. Glenn Smedley

Eric P. Newman

Dear Glenn:

In going through Fred Marckhoff's collection I found a little note from you next to a bill of the Pioneer Association. If you have never obtained the note and still would like to have it, it would be my pleasure to give it to you.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

September 27, 1966

Mr. Glenn B. Smedley  
1127 Washington Blvd.  
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Dear Glenn:

Enclosed is my article for the December, 1966 NUMISMATIST. I will appreciate it if you will read it and offer any suggestions you might have. I am sending it early for that reason. I believe it should be published in one issue because it won't be as understandable if split up. I will gladly check the proof if they will send me galley proofs.

Please instruct the printer as follows, if you agree:

1. The parentheses around the footnote numbers in the text are not needed and they can be small size numbers instead.
2. Set the footnotes at the end of the article in whatever size is customary.
3. The pictures should be in the order numbered but #2 and #3 should, preferably, be opposite each other. Picture #1 can be after the first page of the text.
4. The "Table of Sources" should be on a separate page inserted any time after the text on page 6 of my ms. You might want to frame the "Table of Sources" with a line border.

I hope my enclosure will be of interest to A.N.A. readers as I enjoyed working on it and writing it very much.

My best regards,

Sincerely yours,

EPN  
stb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY



GLENN B. SMEDLEY, Editor  
1127 Washington Blvd.  
OAK PARK, ILLINOIS 60302

April 30, 1967

Dear Eric:

Thank you so very much for your friendly note of April 25 regarding the item you ran across in the Fred Marckhoff collection. One thoughtful gesture such as yours offsets many of the selfish and sometimes rude remarks and letters received all too often from so-called numismatists and collectors.

I have never obtained one of the Pioneer Association of Lafayette notes and would appreciate having this one very much. Of course, there is no obligation on your part to send it to me but if you choose to do so I will be pleased and grateful to you.

The past few years have been so full that I have made very little effort to add to my collection or to do anything with what I have already. It was quite a thrill, therefore, to have a good friend offer here offer 31 Illinois notes (some are fractional scrip pieces) which I do not have to me at a quite reasonable price. You probably know that, like yourself, I am giving what help my collection offers to young Denis Forgue, and will let him see these new acquisitions soon.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and generosity. I enjoy nice and interesting material things but still say that collecting friends is my specialty. You are a prized part of that inventory.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. The Central States convention in Peoria was not real well attended but, for a change, I was able to attend a gathering without being involved. It was most pleasant to have time to visit with friends, and quite a few were there.

May 2, 1967

Mr. Glenn B. Smedley  
1127 Washington Blvd.,  
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Eric P. Newman

Dear Glenn:

As I promised, I am sending you the \$5 Pioneer Association note. It was fortunate I found the little notation in the Marckhoff papers or I never would have known you wanted it.

I am glad you enjoyed old friendships at the Central States meeting, even though you indicated it was not well attended.

I forgot the name of the fellow who runs the coin Department at Chandler's Stationery Store, in Evanston, but he came to see me to look over my Illinois material. He seems to be writing it up for the Wismer revision. Is he working with Denis Forgue, or are they the same person?

I, like you, have had my past few years so full that my collecting has been limited. Nevertheless, I have acquired some wonderful things and only resent the fact that they have to be hidden in a safe deposit box. If you ever decide to dispose of some of your things, I, naturally, would be very much interested.

Please come to see me any time you are wandering down this way.

Sincerely,

EPN/sb

Keep  
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*Glenn B. Smedley*

1127 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS, 60302

February 7, 1969

Mr. Eric P. Newman

Dear Eric:

It was nice to hear from you, even so briefly. I have searched Andrae's History of Chicago and The Growth of Chicago Banks by James with the following results.

The Chicago Times, Storey and Worden owners, was at 74 Randolph Street sometime in 1862 and moved to a new location in 1866. However, Worden sold his interest in 1865, so this puts the face of the little 10-cent note in the 1862-65 period.

The Merchant's, Farmer's and Mechanic's Savings Bank was located at 52 Clark Street until 1866. It was chartered in 1861. James gives no indication that this bank was not organized in Chicago, but this sentence appears in Andrae's history: "The bank opened in Galesburg (in 1861) and three years later was removed to Chicago."

I have considerable faith in both publications but, of course, one can not always find the little details he may want. All things considered, I'd put the date of the note in 1864-65. In any case, it certainly was issued during the Civil War period.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Newman, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Glenn*  
Glenn B. Smedley

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 11, 1969

Mr. Glenn B. Smedley  
1127 Washington Blvd.  
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Dear Glenn:

Your research with respect to the 10¢ note of the Chicago Times cleared up the matter accurately and interestingly. I knew you would be the one who could put your finger on the facts.

If you think this item is interesting enough to write up I will be glad to forward it to you or have a photograph made to forward to you.

Thank you, again, for your prompt cooperation.

Evelyn joins me in sending you our best regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 23, 1975

Mr. Glenn B. Smedley  
P. O. Box 2366  
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Dear Glenn:

It was so nice to hear from you with respect to the Heath Literary Awards. I am very proud of them, but I am ashamed that I cannot locate the medals. I put them away so carefully I cannot find them. I will continue to look and will let you know as soon as I locate them.

I was sorry not to see you at the Roundtable in Chicago. It was a very effective meeting. I certainly hope I can be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

1910 Coal Avenue, Box 10000, Missoula, Montana

May 28, 1975

Mr. Glenn B. Smedley  
303 Homestead Road  
LaGrange Park, Illinois 60525

Dear Glenn:

On further digging, I finally found my Heath awards.

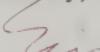
I received both a bronze Ankeny medal dated 1957, and a bronze Chambellan medal dated 1957.

I believe this solves your problem as I presume that about August, 1958, I received the old type first and later the new type was sent to me when it became available.

If you need any further data, I have it available, so please don't hesitate to ask.

My very best wishes.

Cordially,



Eric P. Newman

EPN:jsh

cc: P. O. Box 2366  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 17, 1978

Mr. Glenn B. Smedley  
American Numismatic Association  
818 North Cascade  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Dear Glenn:

Under separate cover, I am sending you something which I hope you will enjoy. It will be different.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901  
(303) 573-9112

GLENN B. SMEDLEY,  
Public Relations Director

March 23, 1978

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

The something "different" arrived and your good judgement was proven again. I do enjoy it and will continue to do so as it rests on a case in my little corner here for others to enjoy too.

Thanks very much for the gift and for remembering me -- that is a joy, too.

Sincerely yours,  
*Glenn*  
Glenn B. Smedley

P.S. Our home address now is  
130 East Monument St.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903